

II. Remarks

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated allowability of the subject matter of claim 33 if it were to be rewritten as an independent claim. This has effectively been done by the amendment to claim 28 herein. The remaining claims in the application were either amended to depend from claim 28, or were cancelled. Thus, the amendment complies with the requirement of form expressly set forth in the Office Action, and Applicants request that the amendment be admitted per 37 CFR § 1.116. These amendments and cancellations are being made without prejudice to presentation in continuing applications of claims directed to subject matter now excluded from the claims taken together.

The present Response is believed to put the application in condition for allowance, and prompt action by the Office toward that end is respectfully requested. In the event any issue remains that might be resolved by telephone, the undersigned invites the Examiner to contact him to expedite the examination of this application. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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